

Top 13 Things Experts Recommend When Choosing a Common Core Program

The Common Core implementation is right around the corner. The standards are more rigorous and require a whole new instructional approach. How do you succeed at teaching these standards? We asked the nation's leading Common Core experts, teachers, and school administrators what to look for in a Common Core program.

The Experts' Common Core Checklist

Overall	Ready™	Other
1 Does it have all brand-new, not-repurposed content true to the details and intent of the Common Core?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Does it use a research-based, gradual-release instructional model for students that supports mastery of complex standards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Does it include thoughtful, embedded professional development on the Common Core with step-by-step guidance for teachers that makes it easy to implement new standards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Does it include prerequisite skills lessons to help teachers reteach skills students may not have mastered in earlier grade levels?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Does it connect to an optional valid and reliable online assessment that enables teachers to pinpoint needs and provide automated online instruction to students in need?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading		
6 Do lesson texts match Common Core complexity expectations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Do the books contain complex, authentic text from a wide range of genres ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Do the questions consistently require students to give text-based evidence to support answers ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Does the instruction effectively integrate reading and language arts standards ? Does it deepen knowledge on grade-specific topics ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics		
10 Does the math instruction emphasize conceptual understanding while also building procedural fluency ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Is the math practice rigorous , i.e., does it have multi-step problems, problems with more than one correct answer, and problems requiring analysis and explanation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Does it incorporate multiple approaches to and models of mathematical problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Are the Standards for Mathematical Practice integrated throughout the program?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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